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SPORTING.

Association Football.

87th Co. R.G.A. v. 88th Co. R.G.A.  
This R.A. Cup match was played at the Happy Valley yesterday. The 88th Co. started but had to defend, a fine run by the 87th left wing ending in Dallman shooting over. Following midfield play, Berry put a fine pass to Burt who running between the backs gave Marsh no chance with a low shot. Goals were plentiful, the goalies being handicapped by the growling turf. Pym made two good efforts to increase the lead and then Henry passed to Green who shouldering off two opponents beat Marsh for the second time. The 87th now had a turn. Clow after good work by Richards shot over the bar but just after made amends by scoring with a fine shot thus reducing the lead. Straight from the kick off the 87th again got through and Moir passed to Dallman who with a dipping and Moore had no chance of saving from a few yards range. With the scores equal half time sounded with the score—  
87th Co. R.G.A. . . . . 2  
88th Co. R.G.A. . . . . 2  
Clow restarted for the 87th but Court beat the forwards back and put in a long shot which sailed wide. Clow was put on the run by a nice pass from Richards who was the outstanding figure of his side. A corner was forced off Court which Riddle cleared and Burt put to Moir whose shot dropped on the top of the net. The 87th goal keeper saved in quick succession from Pym and Green but succumbed to a fine "left footer" from Green, the 88th again taking the lead. The 87th attacked hotly, a centre from Dallman being missed by the defence and rolled along the goal line but the forwards were not up and the danger was averted. Not to be outdone the 87th came again and Moore mulling a shot from Clow, Moir running up rushed it into the net, again equalising the score. No further scoring took place and an exciting game ended in a draw. Result:—  
87th Co. R.G.A. . . . . 3  
88th Co. R.G.A. . . . . 3  
Teams—87th Co. R.G.A.—Marsh; Nutty, Chapman; Ward, Richards, Ken-roe; Clarks, Colligan, Clow, Moir, Dallman. 88th Co. R.G.A.—Moore; Riddle, Court; Buckland, Berry, Stanley; Lieut. Pym, Hennessy, Green, Burt, Moir, Moir, Reider, Sergt. Trapp, Palmer.  
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Public Works Office,  
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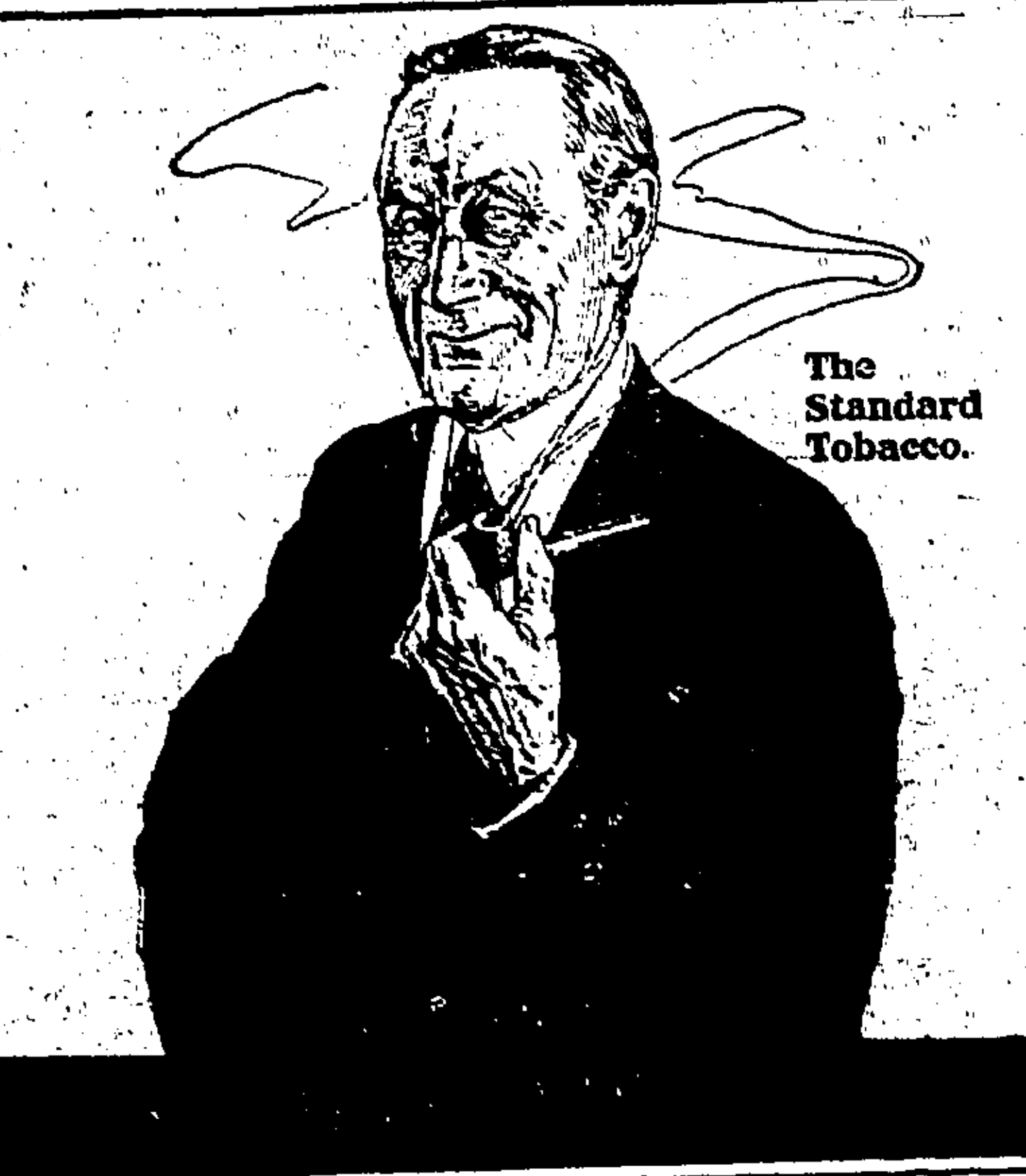
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Accounts, declaring a Dividend and elect-  
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### COMMERCIAL.

Share Report.  
Messrs Vernon and Smith, in their week-  
ly share report, dated Jan. 17th, state:—  
The local market generally has ruled  
firm throughout the past week, and a  
revival in demand for investment account  
has resulted in a fair volume of business  
being done at, in some instances, advancing  
rates. Sterling "Rubbers" have not  
attracted much attention, and the market  
in London closes at about last week's rates  
with, however, an improving tendency in  
evidence. Fine Hard Para Rubber and  
Plantation Smoked Sheets are both quoted  
at 4/6½ per lb, the closing tone of the  
market being firm. The Bank of England  
rate of discount remains at 5 per cent, and  
the open market rate is now quoted at 4½  
per cent. Bar Silver closes at 25½d, ready,  
and 25½d forward, market dull. Sterling  
T. T. is quoted at 2½½d, Shanghai T. T.  
at 7½d, and Singapore T. T. at 8½d.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have  
been booked at \$82½ to \$83, with a small  
reported sale at \$83½, market closing  
with buyers at \$83½. London has ad-  
vanced to a buying rate of \$85/10½  
with no shares obtainable under \$87.  
It is announced that, subject to audit,  
the Court of Directors will, at the  
forthcoming half yearly meeting of share-  
holders, recommend the payment of the  
usual dividend of £2 per share, and bonus  
of 5½ per share, transfer to silver reserve  
\$200,000, write off Bank premises \$20,000,  
and carry forward to new account about  
\$2,000,000.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have been  
booked at \$81½ and more are obtainable  
at this rate. Cargoes continue quiet, but it  
is doubtful if shares could be procured at  
less than \$270. North China have sellers  
at \$134, and Yangtze at \$132½,  
as last quoted.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong are in  
request at \$384 after a small sale at the  
rate and at \$385. Chinas have been  
booked at \$150, and a few more are  
obtainable at this quotation.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and  
Macao have been done at \$38 and \$38½,  
and at \$38 more shares are wanted. China  
and Manila after advancing to \$11 have  
weakened, the closing rate being \$10  
nominal. Indo-Chinas have declined to \$82  
sellers without reported business, and the  
offer of a slightly lower rate would probably  
be accepted. London has receded to 15½/  
for the Combined Preferred and Deferred  
shares, middle price. Douglases after sales  
at \$33 and \$34 have hardened, and shares  
are now required for at \$34. Star Ferry  
have again come into favour, and with little  
or no business passing have advanced to a  
buying quotation of \$35 with few if any  
shares obtainable even at this. Shell  
Transports under London settlement in-  
fluences declined in the earlier part of the  
week to a buying rate of 110/-, but the  
market has since recovered, and shares are  
now in request for London account at  
111/-, the closing quotation being 112/-,  
middle price.

Refineries.—China Sogars have steadily  
declined from \$111 to \$107 with small sales  
at intermediate rates, the closing quotation  
being \$107 buyers. Luzons have strength-  
ened, and with small sales at from \$34 to  
\$37 close in strong request at the latter  
rate.

Mining.—Tongha have again been sold  
to London at 7½d and more shares are  
wanted. Heawide are wanted for London  
account at 4½, and Pahang Consolidated at  
10½, the closing rate for the latter being  
10½, middle price, and the selling rate  
probably 11½. Puding Bharus are firmer at  
10½ middle price, and Malayan Tin Dredging  
at 7½ middle price. There are sellers of  
Rauha at \$4½, and probable sellers of Chio-  
see Engineering at 5½, after sales.

Docks, Wharves, and Godowns.—Hong-  
kong and Whampoa Docks have been  
booked at \$56 and close steady. Kowloon  
Wharves have strengthened to a buying  
rate of \$77 with no change to be had under.

### COMMERCIAL.

New Amoy Docks have been booked  
at \$73, and Shanghai Docks at \$13, the  
latter closing firm with buyers. Shanghai  
and Hongkong Wharves are quoted in the  
North at \$13 107 steady.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong-  
kong Lands have been booked at \$104½,  
and more are wanted. West Point after  
sales at \$57 are in further request, and  
Kowloon Lands are also wanted, with,  
however, no shares offering at the closing  
quotation, viz \$36 buyer. Humphrys  
Estates have been done at \$83 and Hong-  
kong Hotels at \$115 (old) \$73 (new) both  
closing with further buyers. Shanghai  
Lands are in request for Shanghai account  
at \$13 88.

Cotton Mills.—Evos have further ad-  
vanced in the North to \$13 135 buyers.  
Hongkong have improved to \$8½ sales  
with more shares in request.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos have  
been booked at \$10, Cements at \$4, Dairy  
Farms at \$21½ and \$22, Peak Trams at  
\$11½, Ropes at \$13, China Providents and  
Electric at \$26. There are buyers of  
China Borneos at \$10, Cements at \$4, 10  
Electric at \$26, Ropes at \$13, Steam  
Laundries at \$4½, Watsons at \$6, 50, and  
Powells at \$0. Hongkong Electric Trams  
have again put through at 5½ and 5½,  
the closing quotation being 5½, middle  
price. Firm. Langkats on weakening to  
\$13 73 have come into request at the rate  
with buyers for local account. There are  
sellers of China Providents at \$24, United  
Astor at \$24, and Pulp at \$30.

Almas.—Company Meetings.—Hong-  
kong Land Investments and Agency Co.,  
Ltd., on the 27th instant, transfer books  
closed during same period. Hong-  
kong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.,  
Ltd., on the 11th February, transfer books  
closed from the 28th January, to 11th  
February, both days inclusive.

London Quotations.—The following  
quotations (middle price) were received  
from our London agents by cable this  
morning.

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| United Sardinia        | 14/-          |
| Linggis                | 20/3          |
| London Ventures        | 7½d           |
| Rubber Trunks          | 15/- premium  |
| Easter Trusts          | 21/6          |
| Langkat Java           | 3½/-          |
| Chongkote              | 4/-           |
| Kamunings              | 4/6           |
| Pegohs                 | 53/8 cum div. |
| Tongha                 | 78/9          |
| Pahang Consolidated    | 10/6          |
| Malayan Tin Dredging   | 7½/6          |
| Shell Transports       | 112/-         |
| Chinese Engineering    | 34/6          |
| Indo-Chinas (combined) | 15½/-         |
| H. K. Electric Trams   | 5/-           |

By Friday afternoon the whole of the  
race course and that portion of land lying  
between the race-course and Owen Road,  
including Owen Road itself, were several  
feet under water, in some places the water  
was actually up to the middle, and those  
who live in that locality could hold no  
communication with Serapien Road,  
except by wall. In some of the houses,  
it was not possible to cook, as the kitchens  
were full of water. There was no sub-  
sidence until Sunday morning. Quite a  
number of poultry, especially chickens,  
were drowned in the flood.—Straits Times,  
Jan. 6.

## The Man Who Gets There

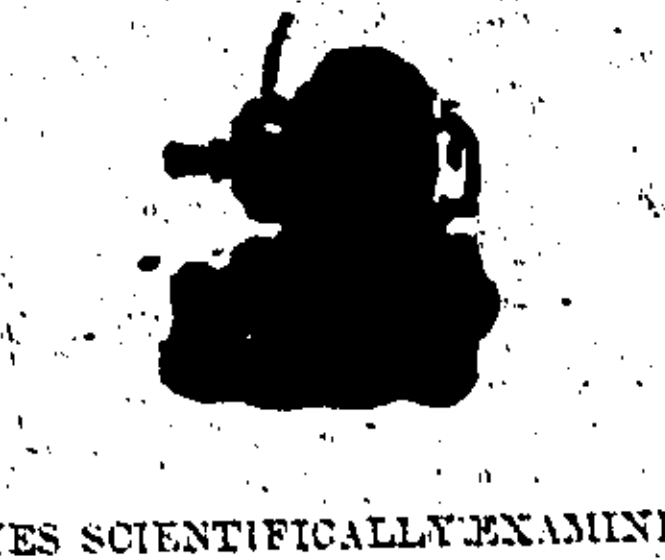
Is the man who has blood-  
real, rich, red blood and  
plenty of it in his body.

WATERBURY'S  
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makes blood, lots of it—life  
giving, brain nourishing,  
strength replenishing blood.

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VISIBLE bifocal lens for near and  
distant vision. No cement to blister,  
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SCIENTIFIC OPTICIANS  
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HONGKONG

Hongkong, January 9, 1913.

## VICTORIA THEATRE

TO-MORROW NIGHT,  
SUNDAY, 19th January.

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DIRECT FROM AMERICA

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MOSTLY GIRLS.  
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Plan at VICTORIA THEATRE (Phone  
324) TO-MORROW (Sunday),  
Hongkong, January 16, 1913.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
14th day of January, 1913, convening an  
Extraordinary General Meeting of the  
Green Island Cement Company, Limited,  
for Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1913,  
at 12 o'clock Noon is hereby cancelled.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1913.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED, will be held at the  
Office of Messrs Shewan, Tomes and Co.,  
St. George's Building, Chater Road,  
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on  
SATURDAY, the 25th day of January, 1913,  
at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined  
Resolutions will be proposed:

(1) That the Memorandum of Agree-  
ment bearing date the nineteenth  
day of April 1912 and made be-  
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Honourable Mr. Edward Osborne  
and the Honourable Mr. Henry  
Edward Pollock (Members of the  
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capacity of General Managers of the  
Green Island Cement Company,  
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Co. as such General Managers as  
aforesaid to the above named Mem-  
bers of the above mentioned Com-  
mittee and by the letter of each  
member in answer thereto bearing  
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(2) That the resolutions contained in  
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Dated this 16th day of January, 1913.  
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## Want' Advertisements

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\$1 per inch..... 3 insertions.  
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WANTED.

A GOOD HUNTING DOG. Trained.  
Pointer preferred.  
Apply to "POINTERS"  
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Hongkong, October 31, 1912. 138





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#### PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

#### TUESDAY,

the 21st January, 1913, at 11 A.M.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,  
A LARGE VARIETY OF  
JAPANESE DWARFED PLANTS,  
STONE ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.  
On view from Monday, p.m.  
TERMS:—A—dual

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 17, 1913.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

#### THURSDAY,

the 23rd January, 1913, at 2.30 P.M., at  
No. 43, WYNDHAM STREET,

THE  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE,  
&c., &c.  
THREEHUNDRED  
Comprising:  
Teakwood Furniture Practically New,  
Much Valuable Blackwood Furniture, Car-  
tain Poles and Rings, Electric Fittings,  
&c., &c.  
And  
One Piano by Allison, London, in good  
condition.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
On view day before sale.  
TERMS:—As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 16, 1913.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

#### FRIDAY,

the 24th January, 1913, commencing at  
2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD  
FURNITURE,  
&c., &c.  
As follows:—  
Dining and Drawing Room Suites, Up-  
holstered Chairs and Sofas, Carpets, En-  
gravings, etc., Bed Room Suites, Double  
and Single Brass and Brass mounted Bed-  
steads and Cots, Bureaux, Wardrobes, &c.,  
Dining Room Furniture, &c., 1 Dinner  
Service and Dessert Service, Cookery,  
Electro-plated and Glass Ware, 1 Cooking  
Stove Kitchen Utensils, Enamelled Ware,  
Cutlery, &c., Electric Lamps, Brass  
Fenders, Fire Brackets, &c., Blackwood  
Cabinets, Couches, Arm-chairs, Stands,  
&c., and 2 New Sewing Machines;

Also  
2 Pianos, 2 Remington Typewriters, and  
one One English-made Billiard Table  
(practically new) with Accessories.  
Catalogue will be issued.  
TERMS:—As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1913.

#### LESSONS IN CHINESE

MR. LI HON-FAN, a Chinese graduate,  
versed in literature, has been a teacher  
to European officials and merchants in this  
Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of teaching Euro-  
peans to read the Chinese language, and is  
possessed of a fine, clear enunciation as a  
Chinese speaker. He has also a good know-  
ledge of Mandarin and Cantonese.

Those who intend learning the Chinese  
language are requested to write to  
Chin Med. Office or direct to Mr. Li Hon-  
fan, 1st floor.

Hongkong, May 17, 1913.

## Is This Man Gifted With Strange Power?

Prominent People Say He Reads  
Their Lives as an  
Open Book.

Do You Want to Know About  
Your Business, Marriage,  
Changes, Occupation, Friends,  
Enemies or what to Do to  
Achieve Success?

TEST READINGS FREE TO ALL  
CHINA MAIL READERS WHO  
WRITE AT ONCE.

Attention of the mystically inclined seems  
to be centered at present upon the work of  
Mr. Clay Burton Vance, who, although laying  
claim to no special gift of supernatural  
powers, attempts to reveal the lives of  
people through the slender clue  
of hand writing and the undoubted  
accuracy of his deductions  
leads one to surmise that here-  
fore palmists, prophets, seers,  
and diviners have failed to apply the true  
principles of the science of divination.

Asked to explain the method by which he gives  
his deductions, Mr. Vance replied:—"I have  
simply resurrected an ancient  
science and moulded it into a key to human nature."  
The following letter is published as  
evidence of Mr. Vance's ability.

Professor Dixon, M.A., Director Lanka  
Observatory, member of the "Société  
Astronomique de France," member of the  
"Astronomische Gesellschaft," Germany,  
writes the following letter:—Prof. Clay  
Burton Vance:—

Dear Sir,—I duly received your letter  
and "Complete Life Reading." I am  
perfectly satisfied with your Reading, it is  
in nearly all the items as exact as it could  
possibly be. It seems strange that you  
should refer to my suffering from throat  
trouble. I have just had a bad attack, and  
usually have it two or three times per year.  
I shall certainly recommend you to my  
friends who desire a Life Reading.

Arrangements have been made to give  
free test Readings in English to all readers  
of the China Mail but it is especially  
requested that those who wish to avail  
themselves of this generous offer make  
application at once. If you wish a delineation  
of your own life, if you wish a true  
description of your characteristics, talents  
and opportunities, simply send your full  
name, the date, month and year of your  
birth (state whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss),  
and also copy the following verse in your  
own handwriting. Be sure to put 10 cents  
postage on your letter.

"Your power is marvellous,  
Please read my life,  
Are my prospects bright?"

Send your letter to Mr. Clay Burton  
Vance, Suite 436, A. Palace-Royal-France.  
If you wish you may enclose 25 cents.  
(Stamps of your own country) to pay  
postage, clerical work, etc. Please note  
that no cash payment is required on letters  
posted to France. Do not enclose coins or  
silver in your letter.

**KEATING'S  
LOZENGES**  
cure the worst Cough

THE CHIN SE ENGINEERING AND  
MINING COMPANY, LTD.  
(INCORPORATED, 27th June, 1912).

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the  
SHARE CERTIFICATES and the  
SHARE WARRANTS to Bearer of the  
Old Company can now be exchanged for  
those of the new Chinese Engineering and  
Mining Company, Limited.

The Registered Certificates will be ex-  
changed at the Transfer Office of the  
Company, No. 26, Austin Friars, London,  
E.C., and may be lodged at the Office of  
the Company in Tientsin to be forwarded  
to London for this purpose.

The Share Warrants to Bearer of the  
Old Company can be exchanged at the  
Office of the Company in Tientsin. The  
20 attached must be left at the Company's  
Office for examination, and if found to be  
in order the Share Warrants of the new  
Company will be ready for delivery after  
28 days or as soon thereafter as possible on  
payment of the charges incurred by the  
Company.

By Order of the Board,  
W. E. NATHAN,  
Agent & General Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1913.

SELF CURE NO. 1  
THERAPY NO. 1  
THERAPY NO. 2  
THERAPY NO. 3  
THERAPY NO. 4

These four therapies are the only ones  
which can cure all diseases of the  
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#### ARABIAN NIGHTS BALL.

Brilliance of the Farandole.

The Committee of the Foreign Press  
Association who organised the Arabian  
Nights Ball on Thursday night at Covent  
Garden Opera House must certainly be  
congratulated on the success of their  
efforts. A large sum of money will be  
handed over to the Red Cross and Red  
Cross Societies, now serving in the  
Balkans.

The Opera House presented a very bril-  
liant appearance, and the front of the  
boxes was decorated with Moorish arches.  
The gaily dressed company, began to  
arrive shortly after ten o'clock, and  
beautiful Oriental costumes were to be  
seen on all sides. There were Sultans  
and Sultanas, Indian Princesses and Rances,  
Bluebeards, Aladdins, and Turkish  
Pashas. A capital band played through-  
out the evening, and all the newest dance  
music was to be heard.

About midnight the ball was at its  
height; every box was occupied, and there  
was an extraordinary amount of "go"  
about the whole thing. The much-  
talked-of Farandole began shortly after  
midnight, and was eagerly joined in by  
the greater number of those present.  
Led by Espinosa, the Spanish dancer, it  
began to the music of the drum and fife.  
The long chain of dancers, preceded by  
a leader with a blunder in his hand clear-  
ing the way, was joined by many other  
dancers on the way round the ballroom,  
and the connecting links were gaily  
coloured scarves and handkerchiefs, which  
such dancer held in his or her hand.  
The Farandole went on for some consid-  
erable time, and then the ordinary ball  
programme was carried out.

The Farandole is an old Provencal  
peasant dance which some authorities  
declare to have been originally derived  
from old Greek vases representing  
thebanes leading the captives out of the  
Labyrinth of the Minotaur. Another  
story, truer and more tragic, is that of  
the death of the Banquetist General  
Ramel, who in 1815 was invited at Tou-  
louse to join in a Farandole and was  
purposely tripped to death by the linked  
dancers. Ever since the Farandole has  
had a sinister reputation. But the dancers  
cared nothing for that, and danced it  
with great vigour on a Friday, the  
thirteenth of the month, in the thirteenth  
hour from noon.

#### FINANCIERS AND THE MAIN- TENANCE OF PEACE.

The Franco-Japanese Bank  
Project.

A meeting of members of the Tokyo  
Economic Association was held on Dec. 17  
at the Fujimiki restaurant in Tokyo.  
Speeches were delivered by Mr. Minami,  
Japanese Commercial Agent in Shanghai,  
on the subject of Chinese trade, and by  
Mr. Soyed, President of the Japan branch  
of the new Franco-Japanese Bank. The  
latter, in the course of his speech, said  
that the establishment of the  
Franco-Japanese Bank was doubtless  
aimed at supplying funds not only  
in Japan, but also in China. Great care,  
however, must be taken by the Japanese  
in the matter of introducing French capital  
into this country, since French capital-  
ists were only ready to supply funds on the basis  
of peace being maintained. Continuing,  
he said that the organization in China of  
the Six-Power Financial Group was the  
outcome of the desire of the Powers to  
preserve the integrity of China and to pro-  
mote trade relations. In view of this, the  
speaker hoped the Japanese would assist  
China in every way possible, and refrain  
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#### FORTUNE FROM JAM.

Quarter-Million Left by Mr. W.  
Blackwell.

Mr. Walter Reginald Blackwell, of Oshay  
Place, Watford, Hertfordshire, of the firm  
of Messrs. Cross and Blackwell, has left  
estate of the gross value of £284,770, of  
which the net personally has been sworn at  
£170,010. Mr. Blackwell, who died October  
10 last aged 37, left to his wife £2000, his  
household and personal effects not other-  
wise bequeathed, his horses, carriages,  
motor cars, consumable stores, and  
stable and garden effects absolutely. He  
left to her the use of Oshay Place and his  
effects there, and an annuity of £2500  
during widowhood, which annuity in the  
event of her re-marriage shall be reduced  
to £1000. Mr. Blackwell also left his wife  
£500 a year in respect of each child while  
such child is a minor.

He left his interest in his business pre-  
mises in Soho-square and properties in the  
village of Bushey upon trust for his oldest  
son, whom failing, to his residuary estate  
which he left upon trust for all of his  
children in equal shares, whom failing, to  
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#### ACTRESS SHOT.

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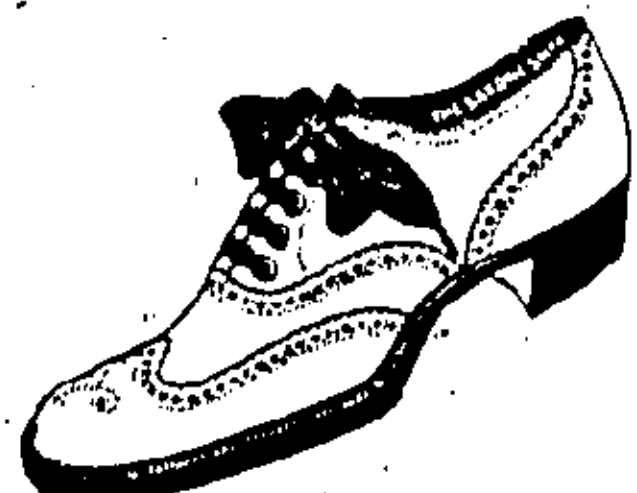
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11.15 P.M. PROGRAMME 9.15 P.M.

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NEWS OF THE DAY:

Launch of H.M.S. "Marborough".

Latest War Scenes.

The "Cambridge" in Furs.

Retain of Queen Alexandra.

MUSICAL INTERLUDES BY

Miss DOLLY SWIFT

Miss ADA ROWLEY.

ARTISTS AT ALL MATINEES.

10 P.M. PICTURES ONLY 7.15 P.M.

that the "slicings" are an actual fact. In regard to her Opium Treaty obligations China's officials have shown a flabbiness, mental as well as moral, which really constitutes the worst blot—perhaps the only serious blot—in the conduct of her affairs since the young Republic became an accomplished fact. They have allowed themselves to be influenced too much from all quarters—or rather they have been too eager to please all. As usually occurs in a case of that kind, they have succeeded in pleasing nobody. On the one hand they know that they have entered into very serious Treaty obligations to adopt a certain course; on the other, they have probably been worried perpetually by the anti-opium advocates, who, with real characteristic of extremists, forget honour and many other good qualities in their earnestness to carry out their own particular policy.

Matters are moving towards a crisis, and the sooner the better will it be for China to realise that having entered upon certain obligations with a Foreign power, it is her first and bounden duty to see that those obligations are carried out to the letter. If altered circumstances necessitate a rearrangement let that point be frankly stated and immediately inquired into. As it is at present, the Chinese Government seem to be both vacillating and lax. Their conduct may temporarily please the anti-opiumites, but sooner or later they will probably have to dispense them by doing what they ought to have been doing all along according to the obligations they incurred. The opium question is a serious matter to Great Britain, whose present Government have shown much magnanimity in their enlightened policy regarding the question. It will continue to remain a serious question, particularly when it threatens as at present to involve Indian banks and merchants in serious losses. China had better "pull herself together," realise her proper position in regard to the Treaty and act as becomes a Nation that aspires to be considered among those that are progressive—for on the sound principles of honour alone can progress be truly founded.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

H.M.S. Kent and Minotaur leave on Sunday for Saigon, where Admiral Wintle and the officers will be entertained.

Sixty Chinese military students, who have been selected by General Li Yuan Heng to undergo a course of study in Japan, arrived recently at Nagasaki.

A Chinese who recently alighted from a Honolulu bank, and was later arrested at Kolohe when he was escorted to the Yokohama Prison two days ago, says the "Japan Advertiser" of Dec. 18, to be handed over to Mr. McDuffie, a detective from Honolulu, who has been awaiting the arrival of the formal warrant.

The Peking correspondent of the North-China Daily News states that Dr. W. A. Ross, who was recently appointed to succeed Dr. Vessering as Monetary Adviser to the Chinese Government, is reported to have died at Mukden on the 11th inst. Dr. Ross was travelling from Europe by the Siberian route, and of the circumstances attending his death nothing was then known in Peking.

The members of the R.E.N.C.O.'s Mess entertained their friends at a Whist Drive in Wellington Barracks yesterday evening. A large number were present including many ladies, and 44 tables were occupied by the players. The excellent arrangements were carried out by Q.M.S. Collins, S. Sgt. Wyatt and Sgt. Burd with Q.M.S. Murray as President. The catering was excellent and the splendid prizes were numerous and varied. Prior to the distribution of the prizes, songs by Sergeant Major Robinson, A.S.C., and Sergeant Allen, R.N.Y. Police, kept the audience much amused. Mrs. Lancaster presented the prizes to—Ladies, 1st Mrs. Axford; 2nd Mrs. Smithman; 3rd Mrs. Keane; 4th Mrs. Hooker; Hidden number Mrs. Wilson; Booby Mrs. Edear, Gents; 1st Mr. Humpherson; 2nd Mr. Robinson; 3rd Mr. Angus; 4th Mr. Catlar, 5th Mr. Mole; 6th Mr. Didd; 7th Mr. Collinge; Hidden number Mr. Hodger, Booby Mr. Lancaster.

### WHOOPING COUGH.

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### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Heavy falls of snow are reported in some districts in Japan.

H.E. the Governor has consented to distribute the Queen's College prizes at noon on January 31st.

Damage estimated at £300,000 was done by fire to the property of the Fuji Paper Mill Co., in Kuchiro district, Hokkaido on the 8th inst.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 4th January amounted to 40,050.03 tons and the sales to 31,748.42 tons.

H.M.S. Moorhen left today for Canton. The Royal Arthur leaves England about February 4 with relief crews for gunboats on the China Station.

Sergeant Gernard charged a man at the Magistrate's with keeping an opium den in Wanchai Road. Mr. Hazeland fined him \$250, and seven opium smokers found in the house were fined \$3 each.

A proposal has been submitted to the Central Government to divide the province of Kuangtung into two, and to make Kiu-ching-fu (Hainan) the capital city of the South Kuangtung Province.

A Peking telegram reports that the Mint there has just turned out two million dollar-coins of the Commemorative of the Republic type, and delivered them over to the Ministry of Finance for circulation.

A number of Japanese officers ascended Fujiyama on ski during the New Year holiday. The snow was knee deep beyond the sixth station, and the temperature at the summit was twenty-five degrees below zero.

The Gazette announces that the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of a further supplementary sum of \$28,200.43 to defray the charges of the year 1911.

Telegraphic news has been received by the "Shen-pao" here, from Peking, reporting that an express train from Shan-hai-kuan to Huangshan caught fire at 8 p.m. on January 12, and that a cargo wagon was burnt out. No other details are given.

At the close of the performance in the Theatre last night, Mr. Allan Wilkie announced that his Company would return to Hongkong from Manila in less than a month and play for three nights, when "The Cardinal" would be produced. He also stated that the price of the First Circle seats would be reduced from \$3.50 to \$3.

In the United States Court for China, at Shanghai on the 14th inst. the Tientsin Arcade Amusement Company were awarded \$725 and costs in an action raised by them against R. Hughes, of the Hughes Musical Comedy Company. The action was based on a claim for damages for breach of an agreement of the defendant company to perform at the plaintiffs' theatre.

Notice is given in the Gazette that a meeting of Justices of the Peace will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on January 31st at 4 p.m. for the purpose of nominating a Justice as an official member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who has been granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council until November 15th next.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lieut. C. A. Browne has been appointed to the Merlin.

Mr. H. de Gray, chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, left on Sunday by the "Mongolia." The police formed a guard of honour at the jetty.

Governor Pack, who has been in charge of a district in North Luzon, P.I., passed through the Colony yesterday on his way to Cuba where he is to look after an estate.

The Portuguese Consulate at Bangkok has been raised to the position of a Legation, and Commander L. L. Flores has been promoted to the position of Charge d'Affaires to the Court of Siam.

In an editorial article the Japan Mail states that the family of the late Captain Brinkley will retain the proprietorship of the journal, which will continue to be issued "on the lines which have brought it so much support in the past."

### HUGHES COMEDY COMPANY.

#### "The Graters."

The Hughes Musical Comedy Company open a short season at the Victoria Theatre to-morrow (Sunday) evening, when they will produce "The Graters." The plan will be open at the theatre to-morrow (phone 324) The cast of the play is as follows:—Sergeant Rie, Mr. Bert L. Lane; Lodi Miko, Mr. Frank Yack; B-Kensford eta, (Three tramps) Mr. Dave Newlin; Will Chaslam, (A grater) Mr. Carlton Oliver; Babo Skaggs, (The village policeman) Mr. Harry Burgess; Mrs. Grater, (A widow) Miss Gertrude St. Clair; Mazine, (A lady golf caddy) Miss E. Lo Blane; Grace, (A visitor) Miss T. Martin; James, (A waiter) Mr. Frank Barker.

### RAMBLING NOTES.

The tiger is said to be still roaming about among the suburban shades of sweet Kowloon. Can't some of our stalwart policemen be induced to lead this unwelcome visitor gently out of the way?

It'll be thinking we like him, if we don't molest him; and perhaps pay Hongkong a friendly sort of visit. He is said to be quite a "Burgess" in Harbour crossing. He gets there every time—which makes him appear to be even a greater antipathian than our friend the Anglo-French conqueror of the Channel.

I feel sure that the Boy Scouts would dearly love to get on the trail of "Stripes." Of course, it's just possible that "Stripes" might get the best of matters—and then there would be at least one boy scout less in this wicked world.

Seriously, why don't some of our "dead shots" make a little call upon the striped creature and come home in triumph with his hide. If any of the party don't return, we may conclude that he himself is hiding!

We think the Police ought to offer a handsome reward for the genuine hide, along with a detailed statement of why and where the tiger allowed his hide to be thus exposed to the motley view—if I may say so without offence—to the tiger.

For my opinion is that "Mr. Stripes" is likely to remain "Lord of all he surveys"—and whatever else that may come his way—for quite a long time to come.

Why don't I myself go after him? Well, it's like this. I'll tell you quite candidly. "The fact is, I'm rather busy just now. Why? If you know me, you know that I'd as soon ramble over Kowloon way as continue "rambling" here. Besides, as the result of my last adventure in "big game" shooting, my triple-barrelled Winchester is a trifle off the mark, though, of course, I'm still as deadly as ever. At least, I'm told so. Still I quite agree with you that the Police ought to take the tiger in hand or foot or somewhere.

It's no laughing matter this tiger business, I assure you, for I know from grim and ghastly experience—(yes! I could tell a tale, not told) that tigers are not to be trifled with when met face to face!

Yes, I also agree that now that the Boyard-Bullion question has been more or less satisfactorily settled, the tiger ought to be "settled" too. Why not? Surely all the Government clerks are not so very busy!

Talking about the boyard reminds me that our friends the Chinese would apparently buy tickets in the old way than appear to "lose face" by the new way.

Wonderful people the Chinese. They "will not" when they "won't." They "can not" when they want to "risk."

There solidly seems quite fine. But there stubbornness makes one sick.

However, it's all right now. The Chinese have once again succumbed to the cure; so the Company is happy and the receipts are again booming.

The children in Hongkong, says the "Singapore Free Press," recently played a comedy "Dan, the news boy." The wet mornings here, of late, have given cause for the tragedy of "D"—the news boy.

I'm inclined to think that our admirable contemporary is becoming rather frisky in its old age!

The following is from our lively contemporary "The Sydney Bulletin":—"Stargazer." A very Hibernian show opens in Melbourne at Christmas, the appeal of which to the Celtic imagination is to be heightened by sprinkling a layer of real Irish soil along the gangways leading to the seats, so that patrons who are exiles of Erin may have the felicity of treading on the "old sod" once more. Boxes of real old Ireland have been brought to Australia for this purpose, each box accompanied by a certificate from an eminent authority in each county, as a guarantee of "good faith." Pretty well all the Irish have left Ireland. Here begins the migration of Ireland itself. Shiploads of Tipperary and Connaught and other parts of the most distressful country are going to America for similar purposes. If Homo Erle is not hurried up, there will be no home left to rule.

### WHY! IS NOT THIS ANOTHER INJUSTICE TO "OLD IRELAND!"

### RAMBLER.

### EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER.

A GREAT deal has been written and said in the newspapers regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. George of Citrus Moor, Natal, Africa, "Still only a few people are aware of the great value of this remedy. There is an old proverb that 'Experience is the best teacher.' My family and I were attacked by severe colds and coughs so that for several nights we could not enjoy sleep. I decided to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and when we together had applied the bottle we were all cured. I recommend this remedy as a true and family physician. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

### THE "CORNWALLS."

Interesting Reminiscences.

#### A Unique, Masonic Record.

Few line Battalions in the British Army have more interesting records than the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, which landed at Hongkong this week. The Battalion's history commences in 1741 when the 46th Foot, as it was originally called, was raised by General Price, who retained the command till June 23, 1743. In 1743 it was employed under the Duke of Cumberland, and during this time was called "Murray's Ducks," or the Edinburgh Regiment.

Among the most interesting of the Battalion's associations, are those connected with Freemasonry which are unique in the British Army, as well as in the "Craft" itself. The warrant of the 46th's Lodge was granted as early as March 4, 1732, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the history of the Lodge is practically the history of the Regiment. One of the Battalion's most treasured possessions is an ancient Bible, the property of the Lodge, which has a history of a most interesting nature. The Lodge was established on May 4, 1732, and the Bible came into its possession during three visits to the American continent in 1757, 1764 and 1770. The latter date is thought the most probable. The statement is made in some of the Battalion's semi-official records that the book, which bears the publisher's date 1712, is the one on which George Washington was initiated into Freemasonry. This is now discredited but it is fairly certain that the illustrious American used the Book to make a declaration. The fly-leaves of the volume contain many interesting notices of births and deaths from 1709 to 1734, the first recording the birth of Reuben Packcom on July 15, 1709. On the back of the title page is recorded the death of "Mother Merry West, deceased November 21, 1733, in her 77 year of her age, who was the daughter of John Cook, ye first ordained minister in Dartmouth."

The Bible has twice fallen into the hands of the enemy and after each occasion was returned. During the American War of Independence it was taken by the enemy, who returned it with a flag of truce; again, it was taken by the French in their attack on the island of Dominica, W.I., in 1805, together with the lodge jewels and moss plate of the officers, who returned it with the Lodge jewels under a guard of honour. The moss plate the enemy kept, and in token of their appreciation of the Cornwall's having saved the Island the residents presented the moss with a new set of plate. Thus it is that no plate in the possession of the officers bears a date earlier than 1805.

The 46th Lodge had the honour of founding the first Lodge in Canada, and it was also instrumental in forming the first Australian Lodge.

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Patrons of the Bijou Scenic Theatre are being provided with a particularly attractive programme just now by Mr. J. H. Stephenson, the lessee and manager. "Greed for Gold," a dramatic reproduction in colour of a banker speculator's downfall, which is being screened is a particularly fine example of the film actor's art; and other popular potpourris include a delightfully humorous comedy by the inimitable Max Linder. The Misses Dolly Swift, Ada Rowley and Gladys Spencer appear in new songs and dances.

### GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased, under instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Dr. John Taylor Connell Johnson to be Principal Civil Medical Officer; Mr. Cecil Graham Pardon, to be a Police Probationer; and Messrs. Roland Arthur, Charles North and Percy Burn to be cadets in the Hongkong Civil Service.

Mr. James Arthur Edward Bullock has been appointed by the Governor to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board during the absence on leave of Mr. Cyril Francis Wogan Bowen-Rowlands.

### PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

The first concert of the present season will take place in the Theatre Royal on Saturday, February 8. The work chosen for production is Germany's popular and well-known work "Merry England." The operatic form of the work became so popular that a concert edition was issued, and it is the result that concert performances of "Merry England" have been given by many of the leading home societies, with unvarying success. The work will be given by a chorus and orchestra of 100 performers and amongst the soloists are Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Lamb, Miss White, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Gask, Messrs. G. P. Lammert, Cawsey, R. E. White, J. W. White and others. The booking is at Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co.

### HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

#### Association Football.

##### The League Matches.

##### FIRST DIVISION.

|               |   |                  |   |
|---------------|---|------------------|---|
| Middlesbrough | 2 | Woolwich Arsenal | 0 |
| Sunderland    | 2 | Bolton Wanderers | 1 |
| Stoke         | 2 | Newcastle United | 1 |
| Tottenham     | 2 | Bradford City    | 1 |
| Everton       | 2 | Sheffield Wed.   | 1 |
| West Bromwich | 2 | Blackburn R.     | 2 |
| Dorset County | 2 | Blackburn Rovers | 0 |
| Nottingham    | 0 | Sheffield United | 2 |
| Liverpool     | 2 | Sheffield United | 0 |
| Manchester U. | 0 | Oldham Athletic  | 2 |

##### POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

|                     | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Manchester City     | 17 | 8  | 2  | 1  | 33   |
| Oldham Athletic     | 17 | 8  | 2  | 7  | 23   |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 17 | 10 | 4  | 3  | 23   |
| Aston Villa         | 19 | 9  | 5  | 5  | 23   |
| West Bromwich A.    | 17 | 9  | 4  | 4  | 22   |
| Dorset County       | 17 | 10 | 5  | 2  | 22   |
| Blackburn Rovers    | 18 | 4  | 8  | 6  | 22   |
| Bolton Wanderers    | 18 | 9  | 7  | 3  | 21   |
| Sunderland          | 18 | 9  | 7  | 2  | 20   |
| Newcastle United    | 18 | 8  | 6  | 4  | 20   |
| Manchester United   | 17 | 7  | 6  | 4  | 18   |
| Liverpool           | 19 | 7  | 8  | 3  | 17   |
| Middlesbrough       | 17 | 6  | 7  | 4  | 16   |
| Everton             | 18 | 7  | 9  | 2  | 16   |
| Bradford City       | 16 | 5  | 7  | 4  | 14   |
| Sheffield United    | 17 | 5  | 8  | 4  | 14   |
| Tottenham Hotspur   | 17 | 4  | 10 | 3  | 11   |
| Chelsea             | 18 | 4  | 11 | 3  | 11   |
| Nottingham          | 17 | 2  | 12 | 3  | 8    |
| Woolwich Arsenal    | 18 | 1  | 13 | 6  | 6    |

##### SECOND DIVISION.

|                  |   |                   |   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Fulham           | 0 | Nottingham Forest | 0 |
| Whitton W.       | 3 | Glossop           | 1 |
| Huddersfield T.  | 2 | Leeds City        | 0 |
| Burnley          | 1 | Stockport County  | 0 |
| Bradford         | 3 | Clapton Orient    | 0 |
| Brinsford        | 1 | Bury              | 0 |
| Leicester Forest | 3 | Hull City         | 2 |
| Preston N. End   | 1 | Blackpool         | 0 |
| Barnsley         | 2 | Lincoln City      | 0 |
| Grimsby          | 2 | Birmingham        | 0 |

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|                   |    |   |    |   |    |
|-------------------|----|---|----|---|----|
| Wolverhampton W.  | 18 | 9 | 4  | 5 | 23 |
| Notts Forest      | 17 | 7 | 4  | 7 | 21 |
| Lincoln City      | 16 | 8 | 4  | 4 | 20 |
| Clapton Orient    | 17 | 7 | 5  | 5 | 19 |
| Barnsley          | 17 | 8 | 6  | 3 | 19 |
| Leeds City        | 16 | 6 | 5  | 5 | 17 |
| Huddersfield Town | 18 | 6 | 7  | 5 | 17 |
| Bristol City      | 17 | 4 | 4  | 9 | 17 |
| Hull City         | 18 | 6 | 8  | 4 | 16 |
| Fulham            | 17 | 6 | 8  | 3 | 15 |
| East Ham          | 18 | 6 | 9  | 3 | 15 |
| Grimsby Town      | 17 | 4 | 7  | 6 | 1  |
| Cardiff           | 17 | 4 | 7  | 6 | 1  |
| Wolverhampton     | 17 | 6 | 9  | 2 | 14 |
| Blackpool         | 18 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| Northampton       | 17 | 3 | 9  | 5 | 11 |
| Sheff Wed         | 14 | 4 | 9  | 1 | 9  |



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## THE HOME RULE BILL.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 17. The utmost interest was manifested in the proceedings in the House of Commons on Thursday. The galleries were crowded.

Mr. Redmond, continuing the debate, referred to the millions of Irishmen in the Empire and in the United States who were eagerly awaiting the passage of the Bill for a complete reconciliation with England.

Prolonged and enthusiastic Unionist cheers and ironical Nationalist cheers greeted Mr. Bonar Law, who said the Government had maneuvered the position to carry the Bill against the will of the people. Mr. Redmond knew that the Bill was only temporary. The Government knew that Ulster would rebel, and Ulster would be bound to succeed because her people would be ready to give up their lives in the cause.

Mr. Birrell, Secretary of State for Ireland, said he did not deny that Ulstermen disliked the Bill, but he did not know how any one could say that the present mode of government could continue indefinitely.

Mr. Balfour's motion (as reported in yesterday's "China Mail") rejecting Home Rule was negatived by 368 votes to 258, the Ministerialists and Nationalists displaying indescribable enthusiasm when the figures of the final division were announced.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Jesse Collings attended the House and voted.

## THE VOTING.

The Ministerial majority was composed of 248 Liberals, 72 Nationalists, 100 Unionists, and 27 Labour Members. Mr. J. P. Nannetti was the only Nationalist absent, suffering from paralysis. Mr. Kelly was brought from a Dublin hospital in charge of a nurse in order to vote. The "Otago" Radical, Mr. Robert Cameron, now an invalid, was carried into the House of Commons. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's vote was paired. Nine Members were absent owing to illness. No Liberals were absent and none paired. The normal Government majority is 105. The Liberal Members Mr. Agar Roberts and Sir Clifford John Cory voted with the minority.

## ENTHUSIASM EVERYWHERE.

The passage of the third reading of the Home Rule Bill was welcomed with enthusiasm inside and outside of Parliament. There were demonstrations in the south of Ireland, and in Belfast, but no serious disorders. The crowds in London were of the most good-humoured nature. The crowd in the outer lobby of the House of Commons waved umbrellas and tossed hats in the air. Many women were present wearing green who joined in the cheering.

Despite the icy drizzle, the crowd's outside sang and cheered for Ireland. Similar scenes took place outside the National Liberal Club, where there were no speeches.

Mr. F. E. Smith at the Constitutional Club addressed the demonstrators, declaring that the fate of the Bill had not been determined by the Commons, but in the streets of Belfast. The demonstrators of Belfast burned a copy of the Bill. There was some revolver firing, mostly blank, but a man was shot in the back and taken to hospital.

Mr. J. A. Simon, K.C., Solicitor General, said that the Irish demand for Home Rule had not weakened. Enthusiasm in the Unionist rank and file had slackened, although Irish Unionists had fought the Bill in the most courageous and single-minded manner. Outside Ulster the Irish Unionists themselves had begun to feel that times had changed. He quoted the success of Home Rule self-government measures in the past.

Mr. F. E. Smith said that the Government were all optimists, and if they were wrong, others paid the penalty. Mr. Asquith did well to trust the Nationalists. They gave him Welsh curates, and he gave them Ulster. Let the Liberals, he said, ask Mr. Birrell, who knew what was the number of arms imported into Ulster.

Mr. John Redmond said: "Speaking on behalf of those we represent in Ireland, and outside Ireland, we cordially accept the Bill as a great measure of conciliation and freedom, and a final settlement of an ancient international quarrel. I solemnly declare that the vast majority of Irishmen, notwithstanding the past, regard Ulster as a brother Irishman, and we invite them to join us in emancipating and governing our common country."

The third reading of the Home Rule Bill passed by 367 votes to 257. The Bill was sent forthwith to the House of Lords, where it was read for the first time. The second reading of the Bill will take place on January 27th.

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## MORE SHIPPING DISASTERS.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The British liner Veronesi, en route to South America with 130 passengers, mostly steerage, was wrecked while endeavouring to shelter from the storm at Leixoes. Attempts by boats and steamers to assist were fruitless after communication had been established with the shore. It is feared that sixteen passengers were drowned while attempting to land, but it is hoped that the remainder were saved.

[Note.—The Veronesi was built by Workman, Clark and Co. Ltd., of Belfast in 1906. She is a vessel of 7,083 tons. British, her port of registration being Liverpool. She is owned by the Liverpool Brazil and Rio Plate S. N. Co. Ltd.—Ed. C. M.]

## A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.

The Avala, which was a vessel of the same line as the Sagvion Range, while en route to Boston, has returned to Queenstown a mass of wreckage from stem to stern. Her bridge, cabins, fittings, and bolts were all demolished. Every compartment was flooded as a result of the three day's hurricane. The captain was swept off the bridge and his ribs were broken. Three other officers and several men were badly injured.

[Note.—The Avala is a steel screw steamer of 3,751 tons register. She is a British steamer and her port of registration is Liverpool. The Avala was built by Ramage and Son, of Stockton, in 1899.—Ed. C. M.]

## THE ALLAN WILKIE COMPANY.

"Tribby."

As their concluding performance on their present visit to Hongkong, this talented Company produced the dramatic version of Du Maurier's "Tribby."

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I think I have said enough of a play and a performance that was distinctly disappointing—all the more so as the talent possessed by the Company fully justified one in expecting something much better.

## JAPAN AND SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Count Noda, the Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Rio de Janeiro, has arrived at Curacao and is proceeding to Venezuela. He has started on this tour because Japan is desirous of improving her relations with Latin America in view of the completion of the Panama Canal.

## LEVER BROS. AND LIBERIA.

STORIES OF "CONCESSIONS."

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## CHINA AND OPIUM PUNISHMENTS.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Mr. J. R. P. Newman, M.P., and Sir J. D. Rees, M.P. again raised the matter of the punishments inflicted for infringements of the opium laws in China, at question time in the House of Commons. They gave instances of the hanging and beheading of offenders and argued that the remedy was worse than the disease and was the result of pressure put upon the Chinese Government in connection with an agreement with Great Britain.

Sir Edward Grey said he had nothing to add to the answers of Mr. Acland to questions put on the 14th inst. Whatever measures the Chinese Government had taken to stop the consumption of opium was its own affair.

Mr. J. King, Liberal member for N. Somerset, urged that enquiry should be made into the facts with the view of ascertaining Chinese opinion on the matter.

Sir Edward Grey replied I really think it is time that the House put a check to the tendency to make out that the British Government is responsible, directly or indirectly for outrages occurring in any part of the world.

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## POSSESSION OF ARMS.

Before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a revolver.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull defended. Mr. Melbourne said that defendant had made a statement to the effect that the revolver had been given to him by a man.

Mr. Faithfull said it was no use a man instructing him to come there and plead not guilty for him if he made a statement such as that.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, and in his defence he stated that he was given a parcel to carry to the s/o On Lee. He did not know that the parcel contained a revolver; had he known he would not have taken it. The parcel looked like a packet of coins, and defendant thought it contained money.

Defendant was fined \$20, and the revolver was ordered to be forfeited.

## TRAINING NOTES.

The first public signs of the forthcoming Race Meeting have appeared. One consists of the private sweeps that are usually held at various clubs, and the other is the usual advertisement, inserted by Messrs. Hughes and Hough in the local Press, which announces the sale by auction of sites for the erection of Booths and Marshes in the vicinity of the Jockey Club enclosure, Happy Valley.

On Friday morning a large number of points were hustled over a quarter, but owing to the heavy blanket of fog lying over the valley it was impossible to time any of the "splits."

This morning a bit of gulping was done, but the course being heavy, especially down the home straight, the times were comparatively slow.

The following were the times taken:—Cleric, 1 last 1 (1), 38.3, 1.10.2; last 1, 31.4.

Dunbar Chief, 1 last 1, 1.38; last 1, 32.2.

Lachline, 1 mile, 2.28; last 1 (1), 38.1, 1.13.2; last 1, 35.1.

Kerry, 1 mile, 2.39.3; last 1, 33.3.

Shindringham, 1 mile, 36, 1.13.2, 1.52.4, 2.20.3, 3.02.2; last 1, 32.

Head or Tail, 1 mile (1), 38, 1.12; last 1, 34.

The Rice Bird, 1 last mile, 38, 1.17.1, 1.55.2, 2.27.2; last 1, 32.

Maharatta Chief, 1 mile last 1, 40.2, 1.19.1, 1.56; last 1, 30.4.

Saverton, 1 last 1, 37, 1.13.2, 1.48.1; last 1, 34.4.

Dundee, 1 mile, 30.2, 1.16.2, 1.59, 2.27.2; last 1, 34.2.

Lots of Time, 1 mile, 54, 1.41, 2.27, 3.04.2, 3.41.3, 4.15.1; last 1, 33.3.

Birmingham, 1 mile, 40, 1.17, 1.53.9, 2.29.1; last 1, 35.3.

Royth, 1 mile, 40, 1.17, 1.54.2, 2.30.3, 3.06.1; last 1, 35.3.

Flower, 1 mile, 37.2, 1.15.1, 1.51.1, 2.26; last 1, 34.4.

Diabolini, 1 mile, 42, 1.19.2, 1.52; last 1, 32.3.

Dunmore, 1 last mile, 40.2, 1.20, 1.58, 2.31.3; last 1, 33.3.

Norman Chief (1) and Mr. Friedland's sub. (The Flirt) (2), 14, 3.11; last mile, 41, 1.18, 1.54.3, 2.30.4; last 1, 36.1.

H.E. the Governor's dun and bay griffin, 1 last mile, 42, 1.20, 1.58.2, 2.32.2; last 1, 34.

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Sir Paul Chatter's f.b. gray griffin, 11 miles, 36.1, 1.14.1, 1.51, 2.28, 2.58.2; last 1, 32.2.

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Sir Paul's two grays, 1 mile, 39.1, 1.14.4, 1.50.4, 2.22.3; last 1, 31.4.

Mr. Kadoorie's best gray (1) and dun (2), 1 mile, 39.2, 1.16.2, 1.52.3, 2.31.2, 3.09, 3.42.1; last 1, 33.1.

Mr. Seth's griffin, 1 mile, 47, 1.27, —, 2.40.2.

Mr. Hough's sub., 1 mile last 1, 37, 1.10.2; last 1, 33.2.

Sir Ross Davis' sub., 1 mile, 40, 1.20.2, 2.35.2; last 1, 35.2.

The Hongkong Bank Mess sub., 1 last mile, 40, 1.22, 1.59, 2.32; last 1, 33.

Mr. Logan's 11 and Mr. Friedland's dun 7, 12, 1.20, 1.58.2, 2.35, 3.10.1; last 1, 35.1.

Mr. Walker's two, 1 mile, —, 1.14, 1.49.2, 2.25; last 1, 35.3.

Mr. Sassoon's two, 1 mile, 35, 1.10, 1.47, 2.25; last 1, 38.

Mr. Laidlaw's (1) and Mr. Ross' No. 2 gray (2), 1 mile, 37, 1.15, 1.55, 2.33; last 1, 38.

Mr. Staines' sub., 1 mile, 38.3, 1.17.2, 1.58, 2.29; last 1, 33.

Mr. Ross' gray (best), 1 mile, 38, 1.15, 1.51, 2.29; last 1, 35.

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It was a sorry performance, in my opinion, and, on the whole, as ridiculous as was the performance of the grand phenomena record introduced to represent Tribby's vocal attainments when she was a better contralto than Albeni and a fine soprano than Patti!

## JAPAN AND SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Count Noda, the Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Rio de Janeiro, has arrived at Curacao and is proceeding to Venezuela. He has started on this tour because Japan is desirous of improving her relations with Latin America in view of the completion of the Panama Canal.

## LEVER BROS. AND LIBERIA.

STORIES OF "CONCESSIONS."

LONDON, Jan. 17.

Mr. Harcourt, the Secretary for the Colonies, announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that the Liberian Senate had rejected concessions offered to Lever Brothers, and the rights which were granted or proposed to be granted to Lever Brothers in British Colonies, were in no wise similar to those Lever Brothers were seeking in Liberia.

The third reading of the Home Rule Bill passed by 367 votes to 257. The Bill was sent forthwith to the House of Lords, where it was read for the first time. The second reading of the Bill will take place on January 27th.

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